रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन) : (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान तथा चालू वर्ष में अब तक (जन 1992 तक) देश में उर्वरकों का राज्यवार उत्पादन तथा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उपभोग अनुपत्र [देखिए परिशिष्ट सं० 164, अनुपत्र सं० 19] में दिया गया है। तथापि चालू वर्ष 1992–93 में अब तक के दौरान खपत के राज्यवार ब्यौरे उपलब्ध नहीं हुए हैं।

(ख) वर्ष 1989–90, 1990–91 तथा 1991–92 के दौरान उर्वरकों के आयात पर किया गया व्यय क्रमशः 1538.77 करोड़, 1335.82 करोड़ 1934.65 करोड़ रुपए हैं। 1992–93 के दौरान उर्वरकों के आयात के लिए आवश्यक राशि आयात किए जाने वाले विभिन्न उर्वरकों की मात्रा तथा उनके अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मूल्यों पर निर्भर करेगी। तथापि 1992–93 के दौरान मांग और स्वदेशी आपूर्ति के बीच अंतर को पूरा करने के लिए अपेक्षत राशि न्यूनाधिक रूप से 1991–92 में व्यय के स्तर के लगभग होने की आशा है।

(ग) मांग एव उत्पादन की बीच के अंतर को कम करने के लिए आठवीं योजना के एक भाग के रूप में प्राकृतिक गैस और अन्य फीडस्टाक उपलब्ध होने पर नए एकक लगाने, चालू एककों के विस्तार तथा चालू संयंत्रों के आधुनिकीकरण/पुनर्वास तथा रेट्रोफिट करने के संबंध में अनेक परियोजनाओं की शिनाख्त की गयी है। तथापि अच्छे किस्म के रांक फास्फेट भण्डार के अभाव के कारण फास्फेटिक उर्वरकों में आत्मनिर्भरता की निकट भविष्य में सम्भावना नहीं है। पोटास का हर हालत में आयात करना होगा क्योंकि देश में पोटास का दोहन योग्य कोई ज्ञात भण्डार नहीं है।

Connection between drug units

731. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 372 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the meaning of connection between organised sector units and small scale sector drug unit for the purpose of availing exemption from price control under DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether this connection or independent small scale sector unit has been defined anywhere and if not, what is the interpretation of Government on this issue;

(c) whether it is a fact that such small scale sector units are charging two to three times more than Government approved prices for organised sector units; and

(d) the number of cases of connection and non-independence of small scale sector units detected and what were the products involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) As already stated in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Rajya aSbha Unstarred Question No. 372 answered on 30-4-1992, the exemption to small scale sector units in respect of Category II formulations under DPCO, 1987 is aimed towards encouraging this sector in the production of drugs and formulations. The exemption order S.O. 719(E) dated 21-7-1988 is, subject to the following conditions, *inter-alia*:

(i) It is an independent unit/company and not a subsidiary of or

owned or controlled in any manner by any other undertaking which not so exempted from provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987;

(ii) the formulations are marketed by the concerned unit/company in their own brand names and not in the brand names of and/or trade marks belonging to any other company.

(c) Since small scale sector units are exempt from price control in respect of Category II formulations, their prices are generally higher than the prices fixed by the Government in respect of organised sector units.

(d) To the extent information is available, the products involved in such cases are as under:—

(a) Combiflam Tablets
(b) Magadol Tablets
(c) Proxyvon range of formulations.
(d) Flagyl Injection
(e) Anaflam Tablets
(f) Alcovt H-Skin Ointment.

Assessment of liabilities of drug companies and their products

732. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) what are the names of the companies and the products in respect of which liabilities under DPCO, 1979 remain to be assessed so far;

(b) what are the names of the companies and the products in respect of which liabilities on account of overcharging under DPCO, 1987 remains to be assessed;

(c) whether it is a fact that liabilities in these cases have not been assessed due to the proximity of some bureaucrates to these companies; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Assessment of the tentative liabilities of the companies on account of violation of the various provisions of the DPCOs and/or in terms of the judgements of the Courts has already been completed in a number of cases, while in respect of the remaining cases efforts are being made to complete the same as quickly as possible. In a number of cases, the progress has been hampered on account of non-receipt of complete data for the entire relevant period. The updated information has already been furnished alongwith Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 126 dated 16th July, 1992. The companies have been informed that in case they do not supply the data the Government will be left with no alternative but to compute their liabilities on the basis of whatever data becomes available from wherever. The question of any company being let off does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Reduction of Custom Duty on Ceftaxidine

733. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 68 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that custom duty on Ceftaxidime was reduced in July, 1991;

(b) what was the earlier price and revised price and what was the extent of reduction in price;